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In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-11, without prejudice.

Please enter the following new claims.

12. A composition comprising:

(a) an alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside;

(b) a foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of a dicarboxylic acid monoester, a dicarboxylic acid monoester salt, and mixtures thereof; and

(c) optionally, at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of a cosmetic active ingredient, a pharmaceutical active ingredient, and mixtures thereof, and wherein both (a) and (b) have matching alkyl/alkenyl groups.

13. The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a C₁₋₁₂ dicarboxylic acid.

14. The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a dicarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, sorbic acid, pimelic acid, azeleic acid, sebacic acid, dodecanedioic acid, and mixtures thereof.

15. The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is present in a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.

16. The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a dicarboxylic acid with a C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohol.

17. The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of adipic acid with a C₁₂₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

18. A process for enhancing the dermatological and ophthalmic mucous membrane compatibility of a cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical composition by adding to the composition an effective amount of a surfactant mixture containing:

(a) an alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside; and

(b) a foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of a dicarboxylic acid monoester, a dicarboxylic acid monoester salt, and mixtures thereof; and

(c) optionally, at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting

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of a cosmetic active ingredient, a pharmaceutical active ingredient, and mixtures thereof, and wherein both (a) and (b) have matching alkyl/alkenyl groups.

19. The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a C₁₋₁₂ dicarboxylic acid.

20. The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a dicarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, sorbic acid, pimelic acid, azeleic acid, sebacic acid, dodecanedioic acid, and mixtures thereof.

21. The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is present in a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.

22. The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a dicarboxylic acid with a C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohol.

23. The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of adipic acid with a C₁₂₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.